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SUBJ: SHAH STATEMENT ON MIDEAST

REF: (A) TEHRAN 10534; (B) TEHRAN 10537

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY SUMMONED AMBASSADOR HELMS TOGETHER WITH URIEL LUBRANY, HEAD OF THE ISRAELI MISSION HERE, AND IRYEH LEVIN, LUBRANY'S DEPUTY, TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EVENING OF DECEMBER 23RD. ON ARRIVAL ALL WERE USHERED INTO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE TO HEAR A TAPE OF THE INTERVIEW THE SHAH GAVE THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE BEIRUT WEEKLY, "AL HAWADITH." THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN FRENCH AND IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE INTERVIEWER DID NOT SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND IT VERY WELL. THE SHAH SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT HIS WELL KNOWN VIEWS ON REGIONAL AFFAIRS, OIL, AND THE MIDDLE EAST. WHAT HE SAID WAS ESSENTIALLY WHAT WAS REPORTED IN "AL HAWADITH" WITH ONE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. WHEN IT CAME TO THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OUTBREAK OF ANOTHER WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE "AL HAWADITH" REPORTER APPARENTLY UNDERSTOOD THE SHAH TO SAY "ET NOTRE GUERRE." WHAT HE SAID IN FACT, AND BOTH THE AMBASSADOR AND LUBRANY AGREED

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THAT IT WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR FROM THE TAPE, WAS "UNE AUTRE

GUERRE."

2. KHALATBARY SAID HE HOPED THIS WOULD LAY TO REST ANY LINGER-
ING DOUBTS ABOUT WHAT THE SHAH SAID OR INTENDED WITH RESPECT
TO IRAN'S POSITION SHOULD ANOTHER MID-EAST CONFLICT DEVELOP.
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